

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
Tuesday, 6 March 2018  
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, Pamela Meister and Chair, JoAnn Robinson
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes February 6, 2018. Approved as amended.
3. Communications Received:
  - a. Call regarding hearing for 635 Massachusetts Avenue.
  - b. Call to schedule hearing for 36 Draper Avenue.
  - c. Budget update for Arlington Historical Commission.
  - d. Information shared regarding a proposal to change the demolition delay bylaw to include properties older than 50 years that are architecturally significant.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
  - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Issued a loan.
  - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Tuesday, March 27, 2018

All That Jazz: The Explosion Of the Swing Era from 1935-1945 with Dan LeClerc. Folks in Arlington enjoyed swing jazz on the radio, and at nearby dance venues such as Totem Pole in Newton and several ballrooms in Revere Beach. This multimedia talk features the rise of swing music with historic videos and visuals- from legendary performers of worldwide fame, to Boston's own Bob Batchelder Swing Band, the house band at Norembega Park on the Charles River.
  - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
  - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- The Committee met and approved six applications.
  - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) – The Working Group met and approved 135 houses from the 1900-1920s in the area across from the Arlington High School behind Massachusetts Avenue. Plans are to develop a master plan. The group plans to create a process for the whole town and to decide what areas should be looked at immediately.

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5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
  - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
  - b. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
  - c. 89 Beacon Street 4/17 Schaefer- Nothing to report.
  - d. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
  - e. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay

- f. 27 Wyman Street 10/17 Stange- Repairing windows on side of house, but needs to replace windows on the front of the house and talk with monitor about choices.
- g. 12 Schouler Court 11/17 1 year demolition delay.
- h. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 11/17- Stange- Nothing to report.
- i. 630 Massachusetts Ave 1/18- Guthrie – Nothing to report.
- j. 65 Hillside Avenue 1/18- Robinson- Nothing to report.
- k. 99 Claremont Avenue 2/18-Guthrie
- l. 635 Massachusetts Avenue added tonight 3/18- Robinson

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings) Robinson/Guthrie- No report.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Moving along as planned.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: Nothing to report.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – No report.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm Formal Hearing 635 Massachusetts Avenue with John Gosselin and Miika Ebbrell.

The plan is to install a sign above the door on Massachusetts Avenue and a smaller sign on the Mystic side of the building. The larger sign will be made from brushed stainless letters and mounted to a charcoal gray panel made with synthetic material with halo lighting behind each letter. A privacy window film will be applied on the inside of each window. A plan is in place to put up a bulletin board on Massachusetts Avenue.

A motion was made to accept the plans as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

JoAnn Robinson will be the monitor.

8:16pm Informal Hearing for 36 Draper Avenue with Alison Vaishnaw, Cordelia Dawson and Robert Annese. Architectural plans were shared with the Commission. The plans for changes were presented and will be discussed at a formal hearing scheduled for April 3, 2018 at 8:00pm.

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be April 3, 2018 at 7:45pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary